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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SPOKANE**

STATE OF WASHINGTON, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

No. 4:19-cv-5210-RMP

NOTICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY, *et al.*,

Defendants

1 Defendants respectfully notify the Court and Plaintiffs that, on February 2, 2021,
2 the President issued an Executive Order addressing issues pertinent to this action, titled
3 Executive Order on Restoring Faith in Our Legal Immigration Systems and Strengthening
4 Integration and Inclusion Efforts for New Americans. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/02/02/executive-order-on-restoring-faith-in-our-legal-immigration-systems-and-strengthening-integration-and-inclusion-efforts-for-new-americans/>.

8 The Executive Order states that it is “essential to ensure that our laws and policies
9 encourage full participation by immigrants, including refugees, in our civic life; that
10 immigration processes and other benefits are delivered effectively and efficiently; and
11 that the Federal Government eliminates sources of fear and other barriers that prevent
12 immigrants from accessing government services available to them.” The Order goes on
13 to direct that the Executive Branch “should develop welcoming strategies that promote
14 integration, inclusion, and citizenship, and it should embrace the full participation of the
15 newest Americans in our democracy.”

16 To that end, the Executive Order directs action on issues pertinent to this case:
17 Section 4 of the Executive Order specifically directs heads of relevant agencies, including
18 the Secretary of Homeland Security, to review agency actions related to implementation
19 of the public charge ground of inadmissibility, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(4)(A), in light of the
20 policy set forth in the Executive Order and certain other considerations. Section 3 of the
21 Executive Order directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to review other agency
22 actions that may be inconsistent with the policy set forth in the Executive Order.

1 Defendants intend to confer with Plaintiffs about the implications of the Executive
2 Order for this litigation. Defendants propose to file a joint status report with the Court
3 by February 19, 2021.

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5 Dated: February 3, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I hereby certify that on February 3, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing with
3 the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such
4 filing to all users receiving ECF notices for this case.

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